

**Maine Revised Statutes**  
**Title 15: COURT PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL**  
**Chapter 507: PETITION, ADJUDICATION AND DISPOSITION**

**§3307. PUBLICITY AND RECORD**

**1. Juvenile hearings conducted as they would be for adults.**

[ 1979, c. 681, §18 (RP) .]

**1-A. Release of identity.** A law enforcement officer, officer of the court or juvenile community corrections officer may not release the identity of any juvenile until a petition is filed charging the juvenile with a juvenile crime described in subsection 2. This section does not preclude the release of the identity of a juvenile to a complainant or victim if a juvenile community corrections officer decides not to file a petition in accordance with section 3301, subsection 5, paragraph A or B or if the juvenile community corrections officer requests the prosecuting attorney to file a petition in accordance with section 3301, subsection 5, paragraph C.

[ 1999, c. 624, Pt. B, §17 (AMD) .]

**2. Certain hearings public.**

A. Once a petition is filed, the general public may not be excluded from a proceeding on a juvenile crime that would constitute murder or a Class A, Class B or Class C crime if the juvenile involved were an adult; from a proceeding on a juvenile crime that would constitute a Class D crime if the juvenile involved were an adult and the juvenile has previously been adjudicated of committing a juvenile crime that would constitute a Class D or higher class crime not arising from the same underlying transaction; or from a subsequent dispositional hearing in such cases. [ 2007, c. 196, §4 (AMD) .]

B. The general public is excluded from all other juvenile hearings and proceedings, except that a juvenile charged with a juvenile crime that would constitute murder or a Class A, Class B or Class C offense and with a juvenile crime that would constitute a juvenile's first Class D offense or Class E offense or with conduct described in section 3103, subsection 1, paragraph B, C or E, arising from the same underlying transaction may elect to have all charges adjudicated in one hearing, and, when a juvenile does so elect, the general public is not excluded from that hearing. [ 2009, c. 93, §9 (AMD) .]

C. [1979, c. 681, §19 (RP).]

[ 2009, c. 93, §9 (AMD) .]

**3. Record.** A verbatim record shall be made of all detention, bind over, adjudicatory and dispositional hearings.

[ 1979, c. 512, §4 (AMD) .]

**SECTION HISTORY**

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